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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOB REACTION TO INCLUSION OF LEATHER APPAREL IN TEXTILE
AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 053301

1. EMBASSY PASSED REF INFORMATION TO FONMIN/TRADE POLICY
DIVISION VIA AIDE MEMOIRE ON MARCH 11.

2. ON MARCH 15, CHIEF OF TRADE POLICY DIVISION (ALENCAR)
CALLED IN ECONOFF WHO HAD DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE TO DISCUSS
THE DOCUMENT. SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIGHER LEVELS
(MINISTER'S CABINET), ALENCAR MADE LOW-KEY BUT CLEAR PRE-
SENTATION OUTLINING FONMIN'S CONCERN OVER WHAT THEY VIEW
AS UNILATERAL USG DECISION WHICH AFFECTS BILATERAL TRADE IN
TEXTILES AND WHICH WAS APPARENTLY MADE WITHOUT CONSIDERATION
OF PARAGRAPHS 12 (BOTH GOVERNMENTS "AGREE TO CONSULT ON ANY
QUESTION ARISING IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT") OR
17 ("EITHER GOVERNMENT MAY AT ANY TIME PROPOSE
REVISIONS IN THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT.") OF US-GOB
TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

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3. ALENCAR ALSO REFERRED TO ITC HEARINGS CURRENTLY
UNDERWAY CONCERNING FUTURE APPLICATIONS OF "CHIEF VALUE"
VS. "CHIEF WEIGHT" CRITERION. ALENCAR'S POINT WAS THAT,
EVEN THOUGH USG HAS NOT REACHED FINAL DETERMINATION AND
HEARINGS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED, DEVELOPMENT PRE-
SENTS GOB WITH "FAIT ACCOMPLI" OF USG HAVING UNILATERALLY
SUBSTITUTED IN PLACE OF "CHIEF VALUE" CRITERION, AS STIPULATED IN

PARAGRAPH 9 OF US-GOB AGREEMENT, "CHIEF WEIGHT".

4. CONCERNING ADDITION OF NEW CATEGORIES TO ANNEX A OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT, ALENCAR SAID HIS STAFF WAS IDENTIFYING THE BRAZILIAN EQUIVALENTS AND STUDYING THE IMPLICATIONS, AND HE MAY HAVE FURTHER COMMENTS TO MAKE ON THIS ASPECT LATER.

5. SUMMING UP, ALENCAR SAID FONMIN FOUND IMPLICATIONS OF AIDE MEMOIRE "INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS" OF THE US-GOB AGREEMENT, AND WANTED TO KNOW, "WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE AGREEMENT?"

6. ECONOFF REPLIED THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE FONMIN'S CONCERNS AND GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH ALENCAR AS SOON AS A RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

7. COMMENT. ALENCAR'S TONE INDICATED THAT ITAMARATY, ALTHOUGH PERTURBED BY THIS DEVELOPMENT, IS WILLING TO KEEP THE DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE SEPARATE FROM OTHER CURRENT BILATERAL ISSUES. EMBASSY IS NOT TOTALLY SURPRISED BY ITAMARATY'S REACTION. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT ACTION, IF POSSIBLE, BE PRESENTED AGAIN TO GOB FOR CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT. ALSO REQUEST DEPARTMENT CABLE BACKGROUND TO ACTION.
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